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ANNUAL REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1959

EAST ASHFORD (KEENE) RURAL DISTRICT

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer
of Health and Public Health Inspector
for the Year, 1959.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1959.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 10,580 - an increase of 10 over that of the previous year.

Live Births and Rate

The number of live-births was 130 - a decrease of 14 over the previous year, and the crude birthrate was accordingly 12.29; when this is adjusted by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution, the rate becomes 13.64 which is lower than that of 16.5 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

The number of stillbirths registered was 4(2 M, 2 F), and the stillbirth rate was accordingly 29.85 which was higher than that of 20.7 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

Four infant deaths (3 M, 1 F) were also registered and the infantile mortality rate was 30.77 in comparison with that of 22.0 for England and Wales.

The causes of death were:-

- (1) (a) Cerebral Haemorrhage
(b) Birth Injury (10 minutes)
- (2) (a) Prematurity; wt. 2-lbs 5-oz. (10 hours)
- (3) (a) Broncho-pneumonia (1 month)
- (4) (a) Bacterial Toxaemia
(b) Pelvic Abscess
(c) Bronchitis

Peri-natal stillbirths and infant deaths are associated with similar causes, and careful ante-natal supervision and obstetric skill are pre-requisite to prevent avoidable deaths.

(It should be kept in mind that these figures are too small for valid statistical comparisons, as small fluctuations in these figures influence the rates disproportionately).

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

This rate was nil, as there were no deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion.

Total Deaths and Rates

The total number of deaths from all causes was 130 (67 M. 63 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 12.29; after adjustment by the

Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births, the rate is reduced to 10.20, compared with that of 11.6 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths, as in previous years, was Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System which are the penultimate natural causes of death amongst the aged. Of these, there were 67.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart is however not solely a senile disease for it claims many victims in middle-age when their responsibilities are at their highest. There were twenty-four of these deaths, 10 male and 14 female; usually these deaths predominate in males. The ages at death ranged from 43 to 92 years.

Cancer was the second highest cause of deaths, as usual; of which there were 24. The majority of these were amongst the aged who are inclined to procrastinate in seeking medical advice until the disease becomes well established when modern treatment, which could be completely curative in the earlier stages, can only at most be palliative.

Cancer of the Lung caused six deaths, five males and one female. The ages at death were 61, 62, 62, 63, 68 and 69 years. The hypothesis that the inhalation of tobacco smoke over a prolonged period, particularly in excess, is a contributory or primary cause has weighty national statistical evidence to support its many advocates.

The other causes of death were heterogeneous and there was no exceptional mortality.

There was no death caused by Infectious Disease.

Infectious Diseases

Measles

The expected bi-ennial outbreak of Measles occurred, 118 cases having been notified. Measles is primarily an infection of school-children who carry it back to their younger brothers and sisters. The disease is most infectious before the typical rash appears and this catarrhal stage is confused with the common cold by parents who continue to send their children to school, where the virus is rapidly disseminated in the close contact of the classrooms.

Infants should be shielded from infection as long as possible as its chief complication, namely Broncho-pneumonia may rapidly and seriously superpose. Other serious but uncommon complications are Otitis Media and Acute Encephalitis.

Gamma globulin is available for passive immunity from the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall and has occasionally been used to protect an exposed susceptible child who was suffering from some other serious illness.

Scarlet Fever

Four sporadic cases were notified. This illness in its present phase is mild and most patients are treated at home unless their social or domestic circumstances are unsuitable. Otitis Media with or without Otorrhoea is an occasional complication, but the more serious complications such as Nephritis and Endo-carditis are now relatively rare. Type 12 of the Haemolytic Streptococcus is known to be capable of causing Acute Nephritis.

Food Poisoning

One isolated case was notified, caused by the most common Food Poisoning organism, namely Salmonella typhi-murium. The source of the

could not be traced as no specimen of food from the suspected meal had been left over.

Poliomyelitis

One case of Acute Paralytic Poliomyelitis occurred in January. The patient was a male, aged 19 years, who had not been vaccinated and who had travelled to and fro from London several times weekly. The paralysis chiefly affected the R. leg, and apart from residual disability in this leg, he made a satisfactory recovery.

There are sound reasons for optimism that vaccination is placing a barrier against outbreaks of this serious disease. A following table gives the number of persons vaccinated during the year and now that sufficient quantities of vaccine are available to include those of forty years or under, it is hoped that they will come forward in response to the national and local publicity campaigns. Vaccination may be arranged through the Practitioners or through the Public Health Clinics.

Whooping Cough

No cases of this distressful children's illness were notified and it is probable that the increasing number of children being vaccinated is also placing a barrier against outbreaks of this disease. If so, this will represent another major triumph for preventive medicine.

Other Notifiable Infectious Diseases

No other cases of notifiable Infectious Diseases occurred in the District throughout the year.

Tuberculosis

Two new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified, both in the older age-groups (see table). There were no cases in the adolescent age-group which prior to 1950 contained the highest national notification rate. In this age-group a large number of 'school-leavers' are being vaccinated by the B.C.G. vaccine to raise the level of immunity, also complemented by increasing resistance due to improved nutritional and environmental standards.

One new case of Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis (R. knee joint) was notified. The fact that only Designated Milks may be sold within the District should reduce the number of new cases of Bovine Tuberculosis to a minimal level.

To epitomize, the Public Health of the District may be regarded as having been very satisfactory.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest and support in the work of the Department and also the staff for their efficient co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1959

Area:- 51,398 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	10,580
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Number of Inhabited Houses According
to the Rate Books

...	...	...	3,794
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Rateable Value:-

...	...	...	£103,070
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Sum Represented by a Penny Rate

...	...	...	£390
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SOCIAL CONDITIONS

East Ashford Rural District is predominantly agricultural in character - there are few light industries. The Council has been progressive in building 100 pre-war and 445 post-war Traditional Houses, and generally social conditions are very satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		<u>East Ashford Rural District</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
1. Live Births	130	69	61	Birth Rate per 1,000	12.29	16.5
(a) Legitimate	125	66	59	estimated resident population	(Adjusted rate 13.64)	
(b) Illegitimate	5	3	2			
2. Stillbirths	4	2	2	Rate per 1,000 total	29.85	20.7
(a) Legitimate	4	2	2	(live and still) births		
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. Total live and still- births	134	71	63			
4. Deaths	130	67	63	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	12.29 (Adjusted rate 10.20)	11.6
5. Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	-	Not available
6. Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age	4	3	1	Rate per 1,000 live births	30.77	22.0
(a) Legitimate	3	2	1	Rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate)	24.0	
(b) Illegitimate	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)	200.0	
7. Deaths of Infants Under Four Weeks of Age	2	2	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	15.38	15.8
(a) Legitimate	2	2	-			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
8. Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births					3.85%	
9. Deaths from Cancer (all ages)					24	
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)					-	
Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea					-	
Deaths from Measles					-	

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year.

Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	-
Measles	...	...	...	...	118
Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	2
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	4
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	...	...	...	...	1

CAUSES OF DEATH IN EAST ASHFORD RURAL

DISTRICT DURING 1959

ALL CAUSES				Males	Females
				67	63
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	1	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	-	-
8.	Measles	...	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	3	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	5	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	-	2
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	7	4
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	-	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	1	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	6	7
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	10	14
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	-	5
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	13	10
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	-	2
22.	Influenza	...	...	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	5	3
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	3	6
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	2	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	-	2
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	1	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	7	2
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	1	-
34.	All other accidents	...	...	1	2
35.	Suicide	...	...	1	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1959

Age Periods	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>				<u>Total cases on Register</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	30	11	8
1 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
5 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
15 ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-				
25 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
35 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
45 ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-				
55 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-				
Total	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-				

There were no deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Diphtheria Immunisation, Whooping Cough Immunisation
and Smallpox Vaccination figures for 1959

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox Vaccination		Whooping-cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Revaccination	Primary
1959	26	-	49	-	38
1958	61	1	38	-	45
1957	16	-	2	-	9
1956	2	1	1	-	2
1955	4	5	1	1	2
1954	4	34	2	-	3
1953	1	14	-	-	1
1952	-	6	-	-	-
1951	-	2	1	1	1
1950	-	-	-	1	-
1949	-	-	-	-	-
1948	-	-	-	-	-
1947	1	1	-	1	2
1946	-	-	1	-	-
1945	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1945	-	-	9	13	-
Total	115	64	104	17	103

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, 1959

The following is a return of the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1959, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1945).

Year of Birth	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1955 - 1959	31	31	40	31	36	91	98	86	68	121	115	101	98	90	26	1,063
1954 or earlier	100	104	120	98	98	38	53	44	53	8	-	-	-	-	-	716

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION, 1959

The following table gives (A) the number of second injections and (B) the number of third injections given during the year ended 31st December, 1959.

(A)	14	79	33	27	14	28	29	22	27	19	29	30	34	27	13	32	17	519	43	1,036
(B)	-	21	68	84	77	88	95	107	98	82	111	101	129	129	102	124	56	208	31	1,711
BORN	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	Before 1943	Others	Total

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

WATER SUPPLY

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Not Satis- factory	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Not Satis- factory
Statutory supply undertakings	8	8	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

- (B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies ... 286
- (ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... 3,794

(C) Brief details as to extension of water mains during the year:-

An extension of water mains in Quarrington Lane, Mersham, was in progress but not completed.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No alterations, extension or improvements to sewerage systems or purification works were carried out during the year 1959. A scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal for the village of Chilham submitted to the Minister has been approved in principle as also were schemes for new disposal works for the villages of Wye and Hamstreet.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 112
- (b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955
- (i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... 43
- (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 7
- (c) the number of inspections of registered food premises 80
- (d) the method and disposal of condemned food -
- Animal waste disposed of by Eastern By-Products Ltd. Other food destroyed at Wye Depot.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	4
Butchers and meat products manufacture					36
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...				11

Dairies	...	...	...	10
Fish (including fried)	...	...	...	1
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	9
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	211
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	...	...	...	-
All other Food Premises	...	...	...	20

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955) 10

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served 10

Inspection of Food and Food-preparing Premises

Particulars of any action taken, including inspection of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles and food-preparing places:-

During the year several samples were taken from the two watercress beds in the area. The owner of one has been persuaded to install dipping tanks which are now in use for the treatment of watercress. The other is being kept under observation.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained

	<u>Samples</u>	<u>Grades</u>			
		1	2	3	4
Sold loose	Nil				
Wrapped or Part Wrapped	Nil				

(ii) Milk and Dairies

(1) Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part III)
Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 (Part III)

No. of registered distributors	...	...	...	9
No. of registered dairies	...	...	...	5

(2) The Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

Number of licences issued, excluding licences granted by Food and Drugs authorities to pasteurise or sterilise milk.

	<u>Dealers</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>
Pasteurised	11	4
Sterilised	6	4
T.T. (raw)	9	5

Summary of Milk Sampling for the purposes of Milk (Special Designation) Regulations.

	No. of Samples taken	No. of Samples which failed
Pasteurised Milk	Nil	Phosphatase Test: Nil M.B. test: Nil
Sterilised Milk	Nil	Turbidity test: Nil M.B. test: Nil
Tuberculin Tested Milk (raw)	Nil	M.B. test Nil

Biological Examination of Raw Milk

	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>No. of Samples unsatisfactory</u>
Retail supplies	Nil	Nil
Others	Nil	Nil

(iii) Meat Inspection

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	--- Not known ---					
Number inspected	341	-	24	846	537	-
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	11	-	-	3	6	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	3.2	-	-	.35	1.04	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

<u>Number of Slaughter-houses in use</u>				
Slaughter-houses/Abattoirs in operation owned or leased by Local Authority	Private Slaughter-houses <u>Licensed Operating</u>		Bacon Factories	Knackers' Yards
Nil	4	4	-	-

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

(Summary of quarterly returns by local authorities to Ministry of Housing and Local Government in P.13 Hsg. for the year ending 31-12-59)

A. Houses demolished

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act 1957)	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sect. 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

B. Unfit Houses Closed

Number

- (5) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957
- (6) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957
- (7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957

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C. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied

By Owner

By Local Authority

- (8) After informal action by local authority
- (9) After formal notice under -
- (a) Public Health Acts
- (b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957
- (10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957

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D. Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

Position at end of year

No. of
houses
(1)

Number of separate dwellings
contained in column (1)
(2)

- (11) Retained for temporary accommodation

(a) Under Section 48

(b) Under Section 17(2)

(c) Under Section 46

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- (12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53

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E. <u>Purchase of Houses by agreement</u>		No. of houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(13)	Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	-	-

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS.

GRANTS

Number of schemes submitted and the number approved for works of improvement or conversions, including total costs, the grants made and the number of houses concerned.

Forty-seven schemes were submitted all of which were approved. The total cost of work carried out was £45,159 and grants were made in respect of these schemes amounting to £17,895. A total of 58 houses were involved in these schemes.

Three standard grants were also made, the cost of these grants was £425.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs	...	...	20
Number of dwellings made fit	...	...	20
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders)	...	...	7
Number of inspections of clearance areas	...	...	-
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment	...	...	-

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	...	...	210
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	...	...	8

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	-
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	...	...	-

Housing (general)

Number of inspections re housig applications	...	...	12
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	4
Aged and Infirm Persons	...	...	...	1
Vermin	...	...	...	6
Dirty Houses	...	...	...	1
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	16
Offensive odours	...	...	...	6
Nusiance from Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	2

NOTICES SERVED

	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	20	2
Housing Acts	-	11

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

i. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney Stacks	...	...	...	2
Roofs	...	...	...	9
Gutters and fall pipes	...	...	...	6
Brickwork, pointing and rendering	...	...	...	13
Windows (including cords)	...	...	...	3
Doors	...	...	...	9
Decorations	...	...	...	-
Outbuildings	...	...	...	2
Yard surfacing	...	...	...	1

(b) Internal

Plasterwork (walls and ceilings)	...	...	...	16
Doors and Cupboards	...	...	...	3
Fireplace and stoves	...	...	...	5
Staircase	...	...	...	2
Floors (including under floor ventilation)	...	...	...	19
Miscellaneous repairs	...	...	...	28

ii. Dampness to dwellings

Walls	...	...	...	11
Floors	...	...	...	16

iii. Foodstore to dwellings

Made satisfactory	...	...	...	6
Provided	...	...	...	15

iv. Water Supply to dwellings

Well supplies made adequate and safe	...	...	...	-
Wells discontinued and main water provided	...	...	...	2
Service piping renewed	...	...	...	-
Sinks renewed	...	...	...	14
Drainers renewed or provided	...	...	...	23

v. Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments)

Repaired	...	...	...	-
New Provided	...	...	...	-
Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets	...	...	...	-

vi. Ventilation of dwellings

Improved	...	...	...	8
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vii. Drainage - general

Drains renewed or repaired	...	...	...	15
Drains cleared	...	...	...	4

viii. Natural Lighting of Dwellings

Improved	...	...	...	6
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ix. Stability of Buildings Remedied	...	...	...	-
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x. Dustbins Renewed	...	...	...	-
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HOUSING

(i) No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31-12-59	117
(ii) No. of Council houses built during the year	20
(iii) No. of Private houses built during the year	51

SUPERVISION OF HOP-PICKERS CAMPS

Number of camps usually occupied:- Since the last report three more camps have been demolished leaving only one in use, consisting of three huts.

Estimated number of occupants of camp - 90 persons

CARAVAN SITES

There are no licensed caravan sites in the area. Licences have, however, been issued for single caravans only.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The emptying of cesspools in all parts of the district is undertaken by the Council twice yearly on written request being made by householders. During the year the number emptied was 1,620. This work is carried out by contract and the cost was £2,184. 10. Od.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is	...	3,794
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	...	756
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	...	3,038
Number of premises connected to cesspools or septic tanks		3,038
Number of premises with pail closets	...	859

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The collection of house refuse is undertaken by direct labour with a Dennis 15 cubic rear loading barrier type covered refuse vehicle having a separate salvage compartment. Three driver/loaders are employed in this work.

The major part of the district is covered by a fortnightly collection with a weekly collection in the town area of Wye and a four-weekly collection in certain scattered and less populated areas.

Four refuse tips are in use for the disposal of house refuse, the first being near Drylands Farm, Molash, the second at White Hill, Boughton Aluph, the third at the Kent County Quarry, Aldington, and the fourth at Granary Court Road, Smeeth. Two of these refuse tips consist of large disused chalk pits, one the disused part of a rock quarry and the fourth is a very large disused sandpit.

SALVAGE

During the year 154 tons 4 cwts 1 qtr. of baled waste paper was sold for £1,140. 12. 9d. also a quantity of rags and metal and valued at £49. 1. 6d. Total income from salvage was £1,189. 14. 3d.

DISINFECTION

Disinfection was carried out at three houses at the request of the occupiers.

DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

	<u>Bugs</u>	<u>Fleas</u>	<u>Cockroaches</u>
Council houses	-	-	-
Other houses	-	2	1

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Reg- ister (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupier Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3, 4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	7	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	39	15	1	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7, is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	50	22	1	-

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted (6)
			To H.M. Insp- ector (4)	By H.M. Insp- ector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Convenience					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	1	-

RODENT CONTROL	Local Authority	Type of Property			Agricultural
		Non-Agricultural			
		Dwelling Houses (inc.Council Houses)	All Other (including Business Premises)	Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	6	3,794	166	3,966	530
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of:-					
(a) Notification	-	414	1	415	5
(b) Survey under the Act	24	2,079	131	2,234	166
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	4	85	28	117	34
3. Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections (To be completed only if figures are readily available) 72		2,578	160	2,810	228
4. Number of properties inspected (in Sect.2) which were found to be infested by:-					
(a) Rats (Major)	20	-	-	20	-
(a) Rats (Minor)	4	406	-	410	95
(b) Mice (Major)	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Mice (Minor)	1	27	-	28	-
5. Number of infested properties (in Sect. 4) treated by the L.A. (Figures should not exceed those given at Sect.4) 19		423	-	442	3
6. Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments. (To be completed only if figures are readily available) 76		436	-	512	3
7. Number of notices served under Sect. 4 of the Act.					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
8. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
10. Number of 'Block' control schemes carried out.	-	71	-	71	-